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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: ESTC, COCOM
SUBJECT: COMPUTER SALE TO BANK OF CHINA, HONG KONG

REF: STATE 116779

1. JAPANESE COCOM DEL JIRO KOBAYASHI CALLED ON
USDEL JUNE 16 TO INQUIRE ABOUT JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS
CONCERNING SALE OF IBM COMPUTERS TO BANK OF CHINA,
HONGKONG. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY
23 APPROVED SALE OF IBM COMPUTER WHICH WILL BE MANU-
FACTURED IN JAPAN TO BANK OF CHINA SUBJECT TO CERTAIN
CONDITIONS. ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT NO COCOM REVIEW
OF SALE WOULD BE SOUGHT AS HONG KONG WAS NOT ONE OF
COCOM'S PROSCRIBED DESTINATIONS.

2. JAPANESE DEL ASKED FOR DETAILS OF COMPUTERS
INVOLVED, TOTAL VALUE, INFORMATION ABOUT EXPORTER,
END USE TO WHICH COMPUTER WOULD BE PUT AND
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CONDITIONS TO WHICH SALE WAS SUBJECT. HE ALSO
INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. EXPORT LICENSE HAS IN FACT
ALREADY BEEN ISSUED.

3. JAPANESE DEL ALSO STATED THAT IT WAS JAPANESE
UNDERSTANDING THAT AS END USER WAS IN FACT A COCOM
PROSCRIBED GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION THAT COCOM APPROVAL

SHOULD BE SOUGHT DISPUTE FACT THAT EXPORT WAS
OSTENSIBLY TO HONG KONG. HE INQUIRED WHETHER U.S.
AUTHORITIES WOULD BE SUBMITTING CASE TO COCOM.

4. COCOM CHAIRMAN INDELICATO HAS ALSO APPROACHED
USDEL CONCERNING THIS TRANSACTION AND STATED HIS
PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO COCOM.
IN ANY EVENT, HE SAID, HE THINKS COMMITTEE SHOULD
DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT SALE OF EMBARGOED EQUIPMENT
TO THE INSTITUTIONS OF PROSCRIBED GOVERNMENT DESTIN-
ATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUBJECT TO COCOM REVIEW
EVEN WHEN INSTITUTION LOCATED OUTSIDE PROSCRIBED
AREA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONSE
TO JAPANESE INQUIRY, (2) INDICATION OF WHETHER U.S.
AUTHORITIES WOULD SUPPORT CHAIRMAN' DESIRE TO HAVE
COMMITTEE DISCUSS ISSUE STATED PARA 4 AND (3) U.S.
POSITION REGARDING NEED TO SUBMIT THIS AND SIMILAR
REQUESTS TO COCOM.

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